

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.  
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## WISE OR FOOLISH, WHICH?

### The Saints Are to be Perfected And Made Ready For The Coming of The Lord.

#### Obedience to The Bible Rightly Divided The Standard To Follow---Do Not be Mistaken or Deceived.

It is the desire of every child of God to have divine wisdom. They know that it takes a supply of this virtue to enable them to be successful in the christian life. And it is the earnest intention of every true believer to run the race with patience and reach the goal at last.

Nobody wants to be foolish. Such a doleful experience is disdainful to everybody when they are sincere and honest. And if any one does become foolish, it is not an easy matter usually to convince him of his foolishness. Solomon says, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." (Prov. 12:15.)

The Bible in its teachings is strongly opposed to foolishness on every line. And Solomon declares that "wisdom is too high for a fool," and that "the foolishness of fools is folly." The Apostle Paul ranks "foolish talking" along with fornication, covetousness and filthiness. And he declares that an unclean or filthy person nor covetous man "hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." (Eph. 5:3,5.) To say the least about it, this puts the foolish in bad company.

But the foolish people are not all gone, and there will still be some here when Jesus comes. And the worst part of it is, that, some foolish people are going to identify themselves with the wise and blessed, and try to believe and make others believe they are all right and ready to go into the marriage supper of the Lamb. And right at the very time when they will need light, darkness will overshadow them. (Math. 25:2-8.)

Little as we may think about it, to be foolish is a serious thing. It is certainly wise to be wise and foolish to be foolish. And to be foolish at a time that will cause one to lose his soul is extremely foolish. And at this time it will pay us to ask ourselves the question, Am I wise or foolish, which?

This is the time when the saints are to be perfected and made ready for the coming of the Lord. Provisions are made for this experience in the atonement, and instructions are given so that the wise will understand what steps to take to reach that perfect state. But the foolish will fail to make the proper preparations, and thus they will be shut out from the supper while the wise will enter in.

It is my desire to have all of our people in the ranks of the wise, therefore, we try to exercise special care to instruct them, and exhort them to give the more earnest heed to the things they are taught lest they should become dilatory and neglectful of their duties and become foolish instead of seeking for and obtaining the wisdom that it will require to become perfect.

In his letter to the Ephesians,

Paul tells us who are to be used for the perfecting of the saints. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." (Eph. 4:11-13.)

But what if some of these Evangelists, and Pastors and Teachers should be unwise and foolish, and lead their congregations into foolishness? This would be a serious matter. Then it would be just as serious, or nearly so, for a wise Evangelist, or Pastor, or Teacher to undertake to perfect the people for which he is largely responsible, and the people themselves to be so foolish that they would not heed his instructions nor measure up to the requirements of Scripture.

We all know that obedience to the Bible rightly divided is the standard to follow, but it requires some of God's wisdom imparted to us to make us able to divide the Scriptures correctly. It is, therefore, a source of pleasure to us who have a desire to be perfect to know that there is provision made to obtain this wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (Jas. 1:5.)

But I read in the Bible of some dear people that must have become foolish after they had once been wise. To me this seems very serious. Once a beautiful shining light, shining forth the beautiful light of full salvation, and they themselves filled with the Holy Ghost, led astray by some false teachers and delusive spirits, until Paul had occasion to write them thus, "O foolish Galatians!"

It was time now for the Galatians to make some progress toward perfection, but instead of this they became foolish, and when Paul heard of it, he seemed much surprised for he said, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you." (Gal. 1:6.) This indicates that they acted wisely in heeding the call in the first place, but became foolish later on after he had departed from them.

It is serious enough to know of those Galatians having been plunged into foolishness after they had started right and made good progress for a while, without having the same misfortune to fall upon any of our people in these days when we are looking daily for our Lord to return. Of them Paul said, "ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" (Gal. 5:8.) I do not want Paul

to have this to say of any of us. We must not run well for a while and then become foolish. Such a thing as this must be guarded against.

Paul loved his people, and did everything he could to sustain and comfort them, and I am sure it was a source of great grief to him to learn that some foolish and deceptive teachers had come in among them and led his once beautiful bright children in the gospel into something he called foolishness. If it was a grief to Paul, how much more would it be a grief to the Lord!

But what was the error that had entrapped Paul's people at Galatia? Did they talk in tongues too much? No! Did they see too many visions? No! Were they exercised under the power of the Spirit too much, and were the manifestations of the Spirit displayed to an excess? Oh no! Well, did they cast out too many devils, or heal too many sick folks, or demonstrate too much under the power of the Spirit in dancing, performing miracles in the way of handling fire, taking up serpents or other similar things? No account of Paul calling them foolish for any thing of that kind. Nah, he rather approved the manifestations of the Spirit, for he infers that they commenced in the Spirit which he highly commends and mentioned about the performance of miracles in their midst which he approves. There could not have been any excesses of a spiritual nature that caused them to fall into foolishness, for he commends them for "having begun in the Spirit." (Gal. 3:3.)

The cause of the downfall of the Galatian brethren was some wrong teaching brought in by some that "would pervert the gospel of Christ." (Gal. 1:7.) These would-be teachers and instructors apparently undertook to take the Galatian saints on to perfection. They had their ideas of what it would take to make them perfect. They undertook to put them under the law on some lines, and no doubt told them they must be circumcised, and should regulate their eating according to the law of Moses which forbid them eating certain kinds of meats.

Whatever the false teaching might have been, it called forth from Paul the following. "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" (Gal. 3:1-3.)

Paul's argument is conclusive. There is no use trying to drop back under the law in order to be made perfect. If they could not be made perfect by the law, then it was detrimental to their spiritual progress to drop back under the law. And it is truly said, "For the law made nothing perfect," (Heb. 7:19.) therefore, instead of being furthered on in their experience they were hindered by those false teachers that

pretended to be bringing the very message that would take them on to perfection.

Again the question might arise, Wise or foolish, which? The saints are to be perfected and made ready for the coming of the Lord, but how is it to be done? There is one thing sure, this will not be accomplished in the manner introduced to the Galatians by those false teachers. There will have to be some other plan. Some other course will have to be pursued. Perfection does not come by the works of the law neither by the flesh. That was tried in Paul's day. It would not work then, neither will it work now.

According to Paul's statement, somebody will come along in the last days, (and now is that very time) and teach that people must not marry. They will say that people can live more holy and more pure to be without a companion. And as Christ is going to come soon you must not marry. But he says such teaching is to be given out by those who have departed from the faith and have given "heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." (1 Tim. 4:1.) But it is easy to see that to abstain from marrying is no road to perfection. No doubt some will come along and teach that every body must marry, but the special danger of which we are warned in the last days is the one already mentioned above—"Forbidding to marry."

Then this same class, if not the same person, will come along teaching and even "commanding to abstain from meats." (1 Tim. 4:3.) They will say, you must not eat certain kinds of meats, because it was pronounced unclean in the time of Moses. Well, such teaching is to be given out, Paul says, by some who have departed from the faith. But they will persist in the matter and try to convince their hearers that this is the road to perfection, and that they cannot reach perfection as long as they eat these certain meats.

There are now in the land plenty of people that are opposed to eating any kind of animal flesh, and not a few who declare that the saints must not eat pork. They say that the curse of God is upon the swine, and people will not be perfected as long as they eat it. They sometimes say they cannot obtain healing by divine power and eat such meat. They often make it very impressive that people must abstain from the eating of swine's flesh. Some go so far as to say that a real child of God will not eat pork.

Now, while I am not saying that such strong meat is always good for every body to eat, yet I do wish to call attention to the statement of Paul on this subject. He says that those who command to abstain from meats have departed from the faith and are "speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron." (1 Tim. 4:2.) Then, as such teachers are due to come in the last days, I feel it my duty to send out a note of warning to our people for fear they may come among you. I kindly and lovingly admonish you to mark

those who come among you teaching against eating meats as a means to reach perfection.

In this lesson and warning given by Paul, he does not say what kind of meats these teachers will command to abstain from, but he says that they (the meats) have been created by the Lord to be received with thanksgiving. No matter what kind of meats it may be that these deceivers are commanding to abstain from, Paul shows that is the very kind that God has created to be received with thanksgiving. And that is not all, The very meat that these teachers who have departed from the faith command to abstain from, is the very kind of meat that Paul says are to be received by "them which believe and know the truth." And this cuts out the chance for ignorance. It is not the ignorant alone that may eat these meats, and as some may say, escape the wrath of God because of their ignorance, but Paul says plainly that the very meat that those fellows command to abstain from is to be received by those that know the truth. Not the ignorant, not the foolish only; but the wise, the informed, the educated, any body that knows the truth—THE TRUTH, are to receive with thanksgiving the very meat that those last-day preachers say you must not eat.

No, I do not know what kind of meat it is that they are going to command to abstain from, but I see Paul says in this connection that "every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving," and I guess Paul thought a man that was not thankful for his food did not deserve it any way. He said once "that if any would not work, neither should he eat." (2 Thes. 3:10.)

But we are going on to perfection and do not expect to be made perfect by what we eat or by abstaining from certain kinds of meats. Obedience to the Bible rightly divided is the standard to follow, then do not be mistaken or deceived by men who have departed from the faith, teaching against marriage or commanding to abstain from meats. Paul further says, "But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse." (1 Cor. 8:8.) "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." For meat destroy not the work of God." (Rom. 14:17,20.)

To continue Paul's warning for the last days please notice that he says that the Spirit speaketh expressly, that is, plainly; specially. By this we understand that the matter is plain enough so we should not be deceived. And it is truly plain enough, so that when a man comes along who is forbidding to marry and will require abstinence from meats we will know he is a dangerous man, no matter how pious he appears or how well he preaches, and how much he talks in tongues. Paul indicates that the Spirit makes it plain that a man has departed from the faith and is giving heed

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If you do not see your article or testimony in the paper, please do not think we do not consider it worth the space, or intentional neglect on our part. We are never able to use all that reaches the office because we do not have the space. We are doing our best with the limited space we have. It is our intention to publish the reports and as much of everything else as we can.

**Good Meeting in Eldorado, Ill.**

We have just returned from Eldorado, Ill., where we were engaged in revival services with Brother D. P. Barnett.

The meeting was very successful. Many souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Spirit. Beautiful messages were spoken in the Spirit. Some of the saints are exercised about the foreign fields.

I have resumed my work here in Kentucky where I have been pastor for some time.

Your brother,  
 James A. Rich.

**Hartwell, Ga.**

Dear Editor and Saints:

Today finds me still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, trusting Jesus as "my all and in all." Glory to His name!

It was our privilege to attend a great revival at Walhalla, S.C., the first of August. It certainly was good to be there. The Lord was with us and blessed in a wonderful way.

We have good meetings here at home since we came back. Nine have been saved, and sanctified and three have received the Holy Ghost. There are

other hungry hearts here; help us pray for them.

I thank our Lord for the little band here that the signs follow as Jesus said in St. Mark, 16.

I enjoy reading our paper, "The Church of God Evangel," very much. I do not want to be without it.

Yours in the Master's service,  
 Myrtle Whitehead.

**Kentwood, La.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord for the way He is blessing at this place. It is wonderful to know God in the fulness of the Pentecostal baptism.

I was in meeting last week at Seanton, conducted by Brother Haynes and the children. The Lord worked in a marvelous way. One came the first night and received the Holy Ghost; afterward the altar was filled with seekers every night. Several were saved and sanctified and seven were added to the Church of God.

The devil tried to break up the meeting by afflicting some of the saints with chills and fever but we trusted God and He certainly did bless. Praise His name!

Yours, awaiting His coming,  
 Ruby Frazier.

**Baltimore, Md.**

Dear Evangel Family:

Nearly five years ago I was a great sufferer with neuritis and could get no relief. I suffered almost a year and hardly knew what step to take. Night after night as I lay upon my bed I would hear a voice saying, "you are lost." Oh, how I cried out to God asking Him what to do. The thought of going to church came, but I said I could see nothing in them for me.

But oh how glad I am that I found an humble Pentecostal Mission. When I went in I saw those people had an experience that I had never seen any where else. I went to the Mission about one week, then I went to the altar and was saved and healed at the same time. Praise Jesus forever!

Then I walked in the light until I was baptized with the Holy Ghost. I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. It brought lots of persecutions, but I still praised the Lord and went right on, and I am still going on, looking for His appearing. I praise Jesus for the blessed way.  
 Nellie V. Smith.

**Clanton, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

After having read the Last Great Conflict I am truly convinced that the Church of God is just what we ought to have here. I have examined the obligation to applicants for membership and gladly and truly accept and endorse it. I am very desirous to become a member of the Church of God.

We have had the "finished work" people here, and the "comeouters" or the kind that has no government or system, but I have decided that we cannot have a true clean church without some system or government, and I do not agree with the "finished work" because I believe in sanctification after conversion. I want to get into the Church of God, and I feel sure it would be easy to establish the church here as there are several good people here who are just looking for such a church as the Church of God.

Praise God today for the bless-

ed Holy Ghost that has been abiding in my soul nearly two years. Please write and let me know how I may obtain membership in the Church of God. Will you send us a preacher that can open up the Word of God to us? If you can possibly help us, do so speedily.

I close with a hungry heart, hoping to hear from you soon.

Your brother in Christ,  
 L. A. Brown.

No doubt there are thousands of people just like this brother if we could only find them. We must hunt them up by sending forth our literature and ministers. The sheep must be gathered into the fold under the One Shepherd with good pastors to feed them. (John 10:16, Jer. 3:15.)  
 —Ed.

**Buenos Aires, S. A.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are in Buenos Aires at last. Praise the Lord for His great grace! We arrived Aug. 1.

We have not heard of any Pentecostal people yet, but there are some Holiness people here.

Oh, it is so hard to get along not knowing the language. We mean to begin taking lessons in Spanish tomorrow night.

It seems as if it will be some time before we can preach the gospel to the people in Spanish, but they are a dear people and need the gospel as much as any people.

It seems that this is a bad time to begin this task, times are so hard here, but this may be just as good as it will ever be. We are trusting in the Lord to supply our needs.

We earnestly covet the prayers of the saints in the States that God will keep us humble and true until we are able to preach the gospel.

There are many English speaking people here, but we have no place to hold services. I am going soon to one of the suburbs to see some missionaries about preaching if they have any people that speak English.

Spanish is not hard to learn but it is hard to speak. However, God is the Author of all languages, and one of the signs is: "They shall speak with new tongues."

We know it means much to stand for the whole truth; but thank God, we will stand for His Church until the world has heard of its message of love.

We can live much cheaper as soon as we get out into the suburbs; so we are trusting God to give us a little cottage out there where we can do our own cooking, live cheaper, and closer to God.

Pray much for us. We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours looking for the soon coming of Jesus.

F. L. Ryder and wife,  
 Suipacha, 2122, Buenos Aires,  
 Care Y.M.C.A., P. Colon 161,  
 Argentina, S. A.

**Marietta, Ga.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a meeting at this place. The Lord blessed the people. The church was set in order with eleven members with Brother Jesse B. Smith as clerk.

As we told them about their having to lay aside snuff, tobacco, etc. in order to become members of the Church of God, they readily agreed to meet conditions.

This little flock needs a pastor; pray that God will send them one.

Your brother and sister,  
 S. O. Elrod and Wife.

**Parish, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Six years ago the Lord saved me from my sins, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. When the Holy Ghost came, He spoke in other tongues just as Jesus said He would do. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." John 15:26.

I praise the Lord for the healing of my body. I was wonderfully healed of sore eyes.

Last night after the sermon preached here by Brother Perry—a minister of the gospel—the Methodist minister requested us to pray at six o'clock this morning for a revival in Parish.

I am so anxious that the gifts of the Spirit be set in the church. They are promised, but only to overcoming ones. Pray that we may not shrink but press steadily forward.

Mary E. Henderson.

**Maylene, Ala.**

Dear Readers:

I have the victory in my soul through Him who died that we might live.

I am still in the battle against sin and Satan, and am asking God to send some one to help us. Brother Z. D. Simpson and two other ministers have spent a few days with us, but need somebody now. Pray over the matter, friends, and see if God wants you to come.

Yours in His service,  
 Angie P. Orange.

**Kenton, Tenn.**

To the Saints and Faithful Brethren in Christ—Peace be Multiplied:

Our meeting at Ripley, Tenn. closed Sept. 11. There was good interest and victory in the meeting. Somewere saved and sanctified and one received the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

The saints will soon have a house erected in which to worship.

This is a new field. Let us not forget to pray for the believers who have lately come into the way.

I thank God for the way of holiness; it suits me.

W. G. Webb.

**Miami, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I feel as if it is time that I should sound a note of praise to my blessed Lord for the grace he has bestowed upon me. Bless His precious name!

I praise God for converting me about fifteen years ago; about ten years later He graciously sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. The experience had the same effect as upon the disciples at Pentecost, I spoke in tongues and magnified God.

The "latter rain" is still falling; souls are praying through to Pentecost.

We thank the Lord for our beloved overseer, Brother Sam O. Perry. While we do not glory in men yet we can truthfully say that the Lord has made him a blessing to us.

Your humble servant,  
 Thomas B. Smith.

**Hayesville, N. C.**

Our camp meeting at this place beginning Aug. 10, with Brother W. A. Capshaw in charge, was one of the most victorious meetings this country

has ever known. From the very beginning God's power was manifested in the preaching, singing, shouting, dancing, talking in tongues and a general time of rejoicing.

One night a copperhead snake was brought in and handled by about seven of the saints. It placed its fangs into the hand of one of the brethren just to show that he was fighting stock. The hand swelled slightly, but the Lord healed him without leaving a scar or the least sign; no one can find the bitten place.

Many were healed during the meeting. The church was edified. Some were saved, several were reclaimed, three baptized in water, four were added to the church. The devil was stirred for miles around.

The church is in fine condition; we are having fine meetings for which we praise the Lord.

Your little brother,  
 C. O. Martin.

**Parkersburg, W. Va.**

Greetings to all the Saints of God:

I am still on the battlefield for God. I left Lake City, S. C., in March and went to Gastonia, N. C., to help Brother C. O. Walker a few weeks. I preached last at High Point where I was with Brother and Sister Hurley. They are very dear saints of God; they seem willing to do anything, make any sacrifice to help the work of the Lord along. May God bless them. I hope to be with them again some time.

At High Point I boarded the train for West Va. I asked God to take care of me as I went through those dark tunnels and over the high bridges. When I was not in a tunnel I thought I would be glad to get off and preach to the folks. (If you have no place to preach just go over in those dark places and you will find plenty to do.) I arrived at Cedar Grove about sunset and found Brother Ruml and his wife ready to go out to a meeting. I spent the night with Brother and Sister Kinsolven and the next night began my work in this new field (to me.)

I have had plenty to do; I have preached nearly every night since the first of March. God has stood by me and kept me in health. Homes have been opened to me everywhere I went.

The Lord has blessed Brother Ruml in W. Va. but many more preachers are needed here. However, they need to consecrate their lives and all to God before they start.

I am now in Parkersburg. The fire is falling. The last two services have been as wonderful as any I ever witnessed. I need your prayers that I may leave nothing undone that I ought to do.

I will be in W. Va. until the Assembly, D. V.

Sallie O. Lee,  
 Cedar Grove,  
 W. Va.

**Eldorado, Ill.**

To the Saints of God—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God this Sunday morning because we can have the very same religion that they had at Pentecost.

I am praising my blessed Savior for real salvation that saves me from all sin, sanctifies me wholly and baptizes me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues.

My dear husband has gone to live with Jesus, and Jesus will soon be calling me. Pray that I may be faithful to the end.

Yours in Christian love,  
 Jennie Orr.



# Through Prayer We May Win

All of God's Effectives Are Men of Prayer---  
It Has Always Been so.

SAM C. PERRY

If we would heed the admonition of St. Paul to the Philippians "IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God," what a victorious people we might be.

"In everything." There is nothing that comes to us but should be prayed about. All the affairs of home life, business, social and religious. Prayer to God for help and guidance is needed every hour. So little can we do, so little we know unless God helps us. Our minds should be continually toward Him.

Nothing should so far take our thoughts that we should forget prayer, meditation and the study of God's Word. Nothing should take the place of our dependence upon Him. Our eye should not be upon any earthly friend, no matter how true they are to us, for needs, supplies, as to Him, our "friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

We are so easily influenced by that which is visible, our surroundings, the sight of things adverse, unbelieving men and women, all hinder, more or less, but power comes constantly to overcome all, as we look to Him who is invisible, by a living, continual faith. Even circumstances look bright and encouraging to Him who knows how to pray.

Our troubles, difficulties and burdens are all subject to prayer, and will move if we put sufficient prayer pressure behind them. Every dark path lightens up, every hard task gets easier, every mystery yields, at least in some measure, as we take it to Him in prayer. Prayer oils up all the workings of our religious life and makes things run evenly and smoothly, but lack of prayer often causes things to be upset, and to run very unevenly and imperfectly, even if they run at all.

Difficulties between husband and wife might be easily settled if taken to the Lord in earnest prayer, things that could not be reasoned out or settled any other way. If we would take the time in the home to pray about everything, we might not have the house kept so neatly and some other things done so perfectly, perhaps, but we would have more of God, more of His life and power in the home. Housekeepers will find that prayer mixes well with their work, mothers will find prayer a very profitable ingredient in their administrations with the children, as also the bread-earners too, as they go at the task of making natural affairs to come out harmonious, and full provision made for all temporal needs. God is interested in all that touches our life, He is interested in the bread question as truly as other things.

So, how good it would be if we would get the practice of going to God with every difficulty just as soon as it came up, instead of carrying it to some friend or neighbor. It's good to have confidential friends to whom we can go in times of trouble, but it is better to have the Lord as our friend and carry all to Him,

for He can help us as no one on earth.

Abraham was called the friend of God, because he pleased God and lived in close confidence with Him.

Jésus said to His disciples "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you," and it is thus the privilege of every child of God to have the Lord as our friend and confide in Him all our secrets and cares. He will hear them and sympathize with us, no matter what the difficulty, His ear is always open to our cry.

Saint John said "this is the confidence we have in Him that if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us." Confidence in one implies a very close personal relationship. Then it is our privilege to live so near to Him that there will be a close confidence established between us, that will continue through all the changing scenes of life, whether in dark and trying experiences or on the mountain top of victory.

"Pray without ceasing."

## There Shall be Signs in Heaven Above.

On Sept. 5, 1917, as I and two others, were looking upward, we saw the moon change into various shapes, and three stripes around it, one of blue, one of yellow, one of red. As this scene passed we saw little lights about five inches long and dark stripes around. After awhile the moon passed from our vision leaving a light; at this juncture there appeared between the earth and sky a man dressed in spotless white, above whose head was a cross suspended. Then the moon reappeared and everything became just as it was before.

Bettie Barron,  
Huntsville,  
Ala.

## Meeting at Rising Fawn, Ga.

We have just closed a meeting at Rising Fawn, Ga., where two received the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

We were glad to have Brother J. L. Scott and some of the saints from Ridgedale to help us in the meeting.

We hope there were seed sown that will yield an abundant harvest in the near future.

I. D. Bain.

## Ethelsville, Ala.

To the Saints Everywhere—Greetings:

We have just arrived at home from Miss. where we had good meetings at every place.

We were at Fentris ten days, at Weir eight, at Eupora four. Quite a few were saved, sanctified and filled with the Spirit. About twenty-five were received into the church. We baptized twenty-five at Weir and left quite a number for their pastor or Brother Davis to baptize.

Dear brethren let us do our best to hoist the standard during these last few days that we have to work.

Your brother,  
Z. D. Simpson.

## Nocotee, Fla.

To The Evangel Family—Greeting:

This morning finds me still out on the King's job with the fire burning deep down in my soul. Glory to God.

I left Murdock for Arcadia August 28th. While at the station I received a letter asking me to come and hold some meetings, but I went on such short notice they were not ready for me when I arrived, so I went on down to Punta Gorda on a short visit.

After returning I found a letter asking me to come to Nocotee and set the Church in order. Arriving in Nocotee I found a few saints of Georgia, and Brother and Sister Hubank, of Ft. Peir, Fla., conducting a meeting. After staying there a few days we had a baptismal service and set the Church in order with six members, all filled with the Holy Ghost.

They must have a Church of God, minister to lead them, and it must be very soon, because there are other holiness preachers expected in whose doctrine is not sound. This will be a good time for some young preacher to go there and prove his calling.

I go next to Winter Haven, Fla. I ask all the saints to remember me in prayer.

Your humble servant,  
Edmond S. Barr.

## Big Clifty, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God for the experience of sanctification, that cleaning process that freed me from all sin. I praise Him for the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

God is my physician. For years I spent half of my earnings for medicine and in traveling for my health. But when I came to Louisville, Ky., four years ago and received the Holy Ghost I threw away all of my medicine and trusted my case in the hands of the Lord.

I praise the Lord for the utterance of the Holy Ghost through His people in other tongues. Some teachers say: "Just claim the Holy Ghost and you will have Him." Such teaching is false and misleading. It is a shame to teach honest souls that the Holy Ghost is of such little consequence that they will not know when He comes. The Holy Ghost is the third person in the Trinity, and when He comes into our being we are very conscious of the fact; others will know it too, as they hear Him make the utterance in other tongues.

I am glad I followed the Spirit to the humble little church where I found the truth.

Your brother,  
Andrew McFall.

## Gracious Outpouring of the Spirit in Arkansas.

To the Churches of God Throughout the land:

D. W. Dollahite and workers were called to conduct a meeting at Velvet Ridge, Ark. The writer has been in many meetings where the signs followed as at Pentecost, but they were not to be compared with what came to pass at this place.

The sick were prayed for and some were healed; fire was seen to come down at different times; fifteen received the baptism with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues; the shouting and praises to God were heard for four miles. The number that received blessings could not be

obtained. It was no trouble at all for people all over the congregation to rise to their feet and state that they had been blessed.

We had the best of attention. It seemed that every individual in the large congregation wanted to catch every word.

Thirty-two came into the Church of God with at least that many more to follow. Fifteen were baptized in water.

People are rejoicing over their having had the full gospel preached in that country; it is spreading like wild fire. A church will be erected soon.

Calls for meetings are coming in from several different places but the calls cannot be filled at this time.

This is a new place and we are expecting God to do some great things here. Pray that we may be used of the Lord.

May the Lord bless you all.  
Your brother in Christ,  
Park Lacy.

## Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints of God:

God has so wonderfully blessed me that I feel I must witness for Him. On July the 26th He sanctified me and on the following morning He filled me with the Holy Ghost, and I have been filled to overflowing ever since. Praise His Holy Name. I will never cease praising Him for sending Brother Lemons to us with this wonderful gospel. I tell you Satan is mad, did everything he could to hinder, but glory to God, we have victory. I find many hungry hearts here in Atlanta. Glory to God for the revelation of His word, and for the Church of God. We have forty-four in the church. I am waiting on God. I am willing to be used of Him anywhere. How I thank God for this highway of holiness. I have been a member of the Methodist Church twenty-two years, and have been an active member, but I have never had this sweet peace and joy before. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done, glory to His name.

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ; Grace unto you, and peace be multiplied." (1 Peter 1: 2.)

Pray for me.

Yours in Jesus Name,  
Annie Heath.

## Arcadia, Fla.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I praise God for this great salvation—for the deep settled peace in my soul. I have been a miserable backslider, but Jesus had mercy upon me and saved and cleansed me with His precious blood and gave me the Holy Ghost. I have had sweet peace and joy ever since. I mean to go all the way with Jesus.

I want all the saints to pray a special prayer for my husband; he is saved and sanctified and is seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He desires special prayer that he may be exempted from military service.

Sister Mabel McDavid and I have been holding cottage prayer meetings here for a week; the Lord has wonderfully saved and sanctified two and three are tarrying for the Holy Ghost. Please ask the Lord to heal me. I am trusting Him for soul and body.

Your humble sister,  
Lottie Bohannon.

## Further Receipts For Missions.

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" Cooperstown, Abaco	
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John L. Stephens, Staten-ville, Ga.	1 00
Church, Valdosta, Ga.	4 25
Church, Crab Orchard, Tenn.	2 00
Church, Mathews, Ga.	2 25
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" Graysville, Tenn.	1 62
" Raben Gap, Ga.	4 80
" Copperhill, Tenn.	2 50
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Sunday School, Sunburst N. C.	2 77
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" Chillicothe, Ohio	10 00
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Glover P. Ledford, Hayesville, N. C.	5 00
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Previously reported	1499 51
Total	\$ 1725 61

## Asleep in Jesus.

Sept. 6, 1917, little Bertha M. youngest child of Brother and Sister Sappington of Baltimore, Md. was called away from earth to heavenly rest. Our brother and sister have our sincere sympathy in this their bereavement.

Ella Taylor.



## Report.

We are giving God glory for a gracious outpouring of His Holy Spirit at Moniac, Ga. We closed a two weeks meeting there Sept. 2, and it was surely wonderful how God manifested His presence.

In our short absence of a month the wily serpent got in among the flock and had them confused; but thank God, I believe they are now settled down and so deeply rooted it will be harder for the enemy to overcome them.

During the meeting only one was baptized with the Holy Ghost, but several were saved and sanctified.

On the last night of the meeting the power fell in a way that astonished the people. I have never seen anything to equal it except at the Assembly.

We need a pastor here very badly. Many are desiring water baptism. One young man who received the Holy Ghost had to go to war without being baptized or added to the church. He was sorely disappointed. Anyone feeling led to come here to work will find a warm welcome awaiting him.

If any of the ministers pass through going from Jacksonville to Valdosta, it would be well for them to stop and give them a few services.

Our meeting at Valdosta prior to the meeting at Moniac was very successful. Four were saved and four sanctified.

I am now in a meeting at Fargo, Ga. I will go from here to Baxley, Ga., D.V. Please pray that God will give many souls for our hire.

Yours on the battlefield,  
Mrs. B. L. Shepherd.

## Walthalla, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Our meeting closed with victory. It was the best meeting we have ever had. Brother W. A. Walker was in charge assisted by his brother. They certainly preached the Word with power. The sick were healed and devils cast out. Five were saved, nine sanctified, and six received the Holy Ghost. Eighteen were added to the Church of God.

On the last night of the meeting there was a rattlesnake brought in and handled by a number of the saints. Oh thank God! This makes me feel good. The signs are truly following the Church of God.

This way gets brighter to me as I get closer to Jesus.

Your humble servant,  
O. T. Morgan.

## Carmi, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still praising God for victory in my soul. Bless His dear name! It has been over two years since I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and today finds me more determined than ever before to live for Jesus and be ready when He comes or calls.

We are just a small band here, we haven't any church building or pastor. We just have our cottage prayer meetings but God is certainly with us.

On last Tuesday night God demonstrated His power through some of the saints in handling hot lamp chimneys and smothering the blaze with their hands.

Pray for us that we may ever be humble and live in the center of God's will.

Your sister in Christ,  
Carrie Niekamp.

## TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Emma Henson.

I have just read in the Word the instructions given us concerning the place where we are to deposit our treasures. We are told to not lay up for ourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven.

What a sandy foundation one's hopes are built upon when secured only by things of this present world; but how secure we are when we have our treasures up in the city in the skies.

Many people are engaged in making locks and keys and heavy iron safes; at the same time, other people are making plans to open those safes. One-half of the world seems to be trying to rob the other half.

But thank God there is a handful of saints who have nothing to lock up, therefore we are not concerned about saving banks. We have plenty of bank stock but it is invested in another country and as there is not a thief in that country nor never can be, there is no occasion for being concerned about saving vaults.

"How precious the thought That we all may recline Like John the Beloved and blest, On Jesus' strong arm Where no tempest can harm, Secure in the Haven of Rest."

With a spring in our heels, a well in our souls, glory in our eyes, and our faces set like a flint toward heaven we can make the landing and when we make it we will find our treasures safe.

So, dear reader, begin today to send something over to the other side; it will not be long until you will be going over yourself and when you go you are to stay there forever and ever. See to it, beloved, that you have something sent over before you go. Do not allow the enemy to persuade you that you need all you have while you are on this side.

It is a fact that we will have nothing over there except what we send over from this side. You can send over kind words, loving smiles, a fervent prayer, any thing done for Jesus and His glory; and you can do many of these things without a dollar in your pocket. Nearly any day you can visit some home and take them your Evangel after you have read it, have a loving talk with them, read the twenty-third Psalm and kneel and pray with them. To your surprise when you get across on the other shore you will have some treasures to your credit.

O beloved! if you want to lay up treasures in heaven you can do it in spite of the devil. He may arrange the business of this world so as to keep much of this world's goods out of your hands but you don't have to have that to lay up treasures in heaven.

We read in the Bible of two men, one had no money, the other had plenty of it; we follow up the history of these two men and behold them in other worlds, the beggar vastly rich, the rich man a pauper.

Dear ones, send in something every day. Don't make the fearful mistake of the rich man. Time is short, time is flying! Do not delay but go at it at once and lay up for yourselves a good foundation against that day. Don't plead poverty or hard times. The good Book says: "Love never faileth." We may fail but "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal,

the Lord knoweth them that are his." There are many things, we are told, that will pass away but the Word of God will never pass away.

Oh that we were all filled with the love of God! Let's believe the Book! So fill our hearts, O Lord, with thy love, so enlarge our borders and keep us that we shall not fail to carry out thy will and lay up treasures in heaven.

## Alabama City, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for salvation through the precious cleansing blood of Jesus. Oh, I do praise God for allowing me to live to see the light of the full gospel as it now shines in the world.

I thank God for the Word of God as I have heard it given out by Brother Payne. It was food to my soul. I have lived here twenty-one years and was in the first holiness meeting that was ever conducted in Alabama City.

I am glad I'm a member of the Church of God. May God help me to be ready for the coming of Jesus.

Mary Griggs.

## THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN

Ida McCoy.

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.

This is a subject sadly neglected, yet there is a great need of instruction along this line. I have learned a few things through sheer experience, and trusting it will be helpful to some one I will pass the thoughts along.

First, have unshaken confidence in God and live what you profess and your children will have confidence in you. Trust God to direct you in governing your children, the little tot on your knee to the boy and girl of eighteen.

Win the confidence of your children and live in such a way that you can keep it. Teach them to confide all their little childish troubles to you, be their companion, understand, and sympathize with them. In doing this they will naturally open their little hearts to you about everything that happens, good or bad. In this way you are able to ward off so many evil influences that surround our boys and girls of today. Then again, you are able to choose their associates.

Have conversations with your children. Try to bring out all the good there is in them. Always approve what they do well and never criticize them for their failures.

Don't fail to observe Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, especially when dealing with little offences that lead to lying, stealing, profanity etc., etc. Be on your guard against tobacco, cigarettes, novels, cards and like evils.

Love your children, caress them, let them know you love them. Children are starving for love. Sometimes our love for them if properly manifested, keeps them in the hour of temptation.

Mothers, you who have wicked husbands, never say you cannot control them alone; by the help of the Lord you can. I know how to sympathize with this class as I am alone in this great task, yet not alone, thank God! It is possible for us as mothers though we are alone, to train our children so that nothing evil minded children say or do will cling to them.

As the pure white lily blooms among the soot and dirt of the coal mining regions and never gets dirty, just so our children will abhor evil and fear God if they have the proper care and training.

Oh, mothers! be more careful and prayerful in raising your little brood. So much depends upon our getting the seedlings set straight so they will not be crooked by sin and evil habits.

The future depends upon our boys and girls of today. Will they be silly, foolish and giddy? or will they be sober-minded, God-fearing men and women? These questions are left for us as parents to settle. The Bible is true. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

## Gone Home.

Brother Tom Goodwin departed this life on August 12, 1917. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Z. D. Simpson.

Brother Tom lived the latter part of his life for God. He was dearly loved by his brothers and sisters in the church and by his friends out side who are sorry to give him up, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Hubert White.

WISE OR FOOLISH, WHICH?  
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to seducing spirits that require abstinence from meats.

And now, to put on the capstone, and that which encourages me in giving forth this message, is the following statement by Paul that follows immediately after the other instructions: "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

I see a little crowd of pilgrims lying by the road side awaiting the coming of the Lord. They are all virgins and all looking for and expecting the Lord to come. Suddenly there is a sound, and they are awakened in time to hear the last words, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." There are some quick movement. No time for delay now. There, He has come! and the wise virgins have hastily joined the procession, and the foolish are left behind.

Beloved pilgrim, wise or foolish, which class are you in? The saints are to be perfected and made ready for the coming of the Lord, but not by remaining unmarried, nor abstaining from meats. "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived," therefore, as obedience to the Bible rightly divided is the standard to follow, stick closely to the teaching of the Church of God and do not be mistaken or deceived.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause division and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. (Rom. 16:17, 18.)

Beware of seducing spirits in these last days, and be wise and never foolish.

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